

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, at lines 4-7, please replace the existing CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION section with a new section that reads as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from U.S. ~~p~~Provisional ~~a~~Application number No. 60/471,477, filed 05/17/2003 May 17, 2003, entitled THERMOFORMED FOAMED THERMOPLASTIC PACKAGING, and PCT International Application No. PCT/US2004/015304, filed May 14, 2004, entitled FOAMED PET PACKAGING.

On page 6, at lines 1-8, please replace the first paragraph with a new one that reads as follows:

As further elaborated in PCT patent application number PCT/US / PCT/US2004/015246, titled METHOD OF PRODUCING THERMOFORMED ARTICLES FROM GAS IMPREGNATED POLYMER, filed contemporaneously herewith and incorporated herein by reference, such process is suitable for foaming with a wide range of gas/polymer systems comprised of non-reacting gas and amorphous or semi- crystalline thermoplastic polymer materials, including ~~C02~~ C02 with polyethylene, polyethylene terephthalate(PET), polyvinyl chloride, acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, polycarbonate, and polypropylene, while ~~N2~~ N2 may be used with polystyrene.

On page 16, at lines 21-29, please replace the second to last paragraph with a new one that reads as follows:

FIG. 6 is a block diagram illustrating use of the containers by the consumer. As indicated, containers described herein may be used for multiple functions, including initial delivery 602 (with enhanced insulation of hot or cold foods), serving 604, storage 606 (in a

refrigerator or freezer, for example), reheating 608 and subsequent use 604. Finally, because of the elimination in chemical alteration of the material during processes, as described in PCT application number PCT/US____/_____, PCT/US2004/015245, titled MANUFACTURE OF FULLY RECYCLABLE FOAMED POLYMER FROM RECYCLED MATERIAL, filed contemporaneously herewith and incorporated herein by reference, the material may be recycled in its entirety 610.